

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 10, 12, 14-21, 24, and 26-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 7,044,614 B2 to Levy (hereinafter “Levy”).

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 15, 24, and 29 with the limitation the non-visible light source is mounted on a display of a notebook computer and is directed to keys from above. Claim 14 is similarly amended that the non-visible light is directed to the keys from above. The amendments are fully supported by the specification. See Fig. 6, ref. 510. Claims 19-21, 31, and 32 are canceled. Claim 12 is amended to conform to claim 10.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1-4, 10, 12, 14-21, 24, and 26-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levy. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 14, 15, 24, and 29 with the limitation that the non-visible light source is directed to keys from above. Claims 1, 10, 15, 24, and 29 are amended that the non-visible light source is mounted on the display of the notebook computer.

Levy does not teach a non-visible light source mounted on the display of a notebook computer and directed to the keys from above as claimed in claims 1, 10, 15, 24, and 29. Levy also does not disclose the non-visible light from the display directed to the keys from above as claimed in claim 14. Applicants therefore submit that claims 1, 10, 14, 15, 24, and 29 are allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 2-4, 12, 16-18, and 26-28, and 30 are allowable as depending from allowable claims.

As a result of the presented remarks, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for prompt allowance. Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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